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DOCTOR APHRA



THE ENORMOUS PROFIT

Part II

It is a period of opportunity. In a galaxy oppressed by Imperial forces, there is little hope for the future. But for those operating on the fringes, there is potential for profit.

Rogue archaeologist Chelli Aphra has recovered and reactivated the Rur Crystal, an artifact with the consciousness of an ancient Jedi and powerful levels of technopathy, and she's selling to the highest bidder.

Aphra throws an auction, hosting some of the biggest names in the black market. Meanwhile, her droid accomplices BeeTee and Triple-Zero start to get restless. The stakes of the auction are rising....

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WE WISH TO
THANK YOU ALL
FOR YOUR
PATIENCE!

I'VE SCHEDULED
PERSONAL MEETINGS
WITH ALL THOSE WHO
WISH TO FORWARD
SERIOUS OFFERS.

THEY WILL BEGIN
IMMEDIATELY.

UNTIL YOURS
COMES AROUND,
MAKE YOURSELF
AT HOME.

BY WHICH
I MEAN, RELAX, NOT
TRY AND TRANSFORM
THIS CHARMING RESORT
INTO A FIGHTING PIT.
I HAVE TO PAY FOR
THE CLEANING.



LOOKING
AT YOU,
EZARAA...

WE DO
NOT CARE
FOR YOUR
OBSERVATIONS!
WE WILL CRUSH
YOUR--

PAPA
TOREN HAS A
QUESTION...

WHAT'S ON
YOUR MIND?

PAPA
TOREN WISHES
TO EXTEND YOUR
HOSPITALITY
TO THEM.

ONE OF
THE BODIES FOR
WHOM PAPA TOREN IS
AN INTERMEDIARY WOULD
LIKE TO EXAMINE THE
ARTIFACTS IN PERSON
BEFORE MAKING
AN OFFER.

OH GREAT.
A GO-BETWEEN TO
A GO-BETWEEN TO A...

SURE. JUST
BE QUICK. I
WANT TO WRAP
THIS UP.

MEANWHILE...
LET'S GET
TO THE FIRST
BIDDER!

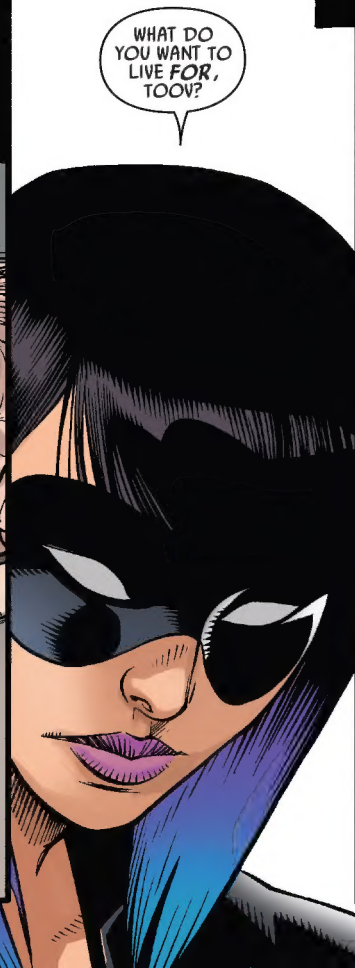
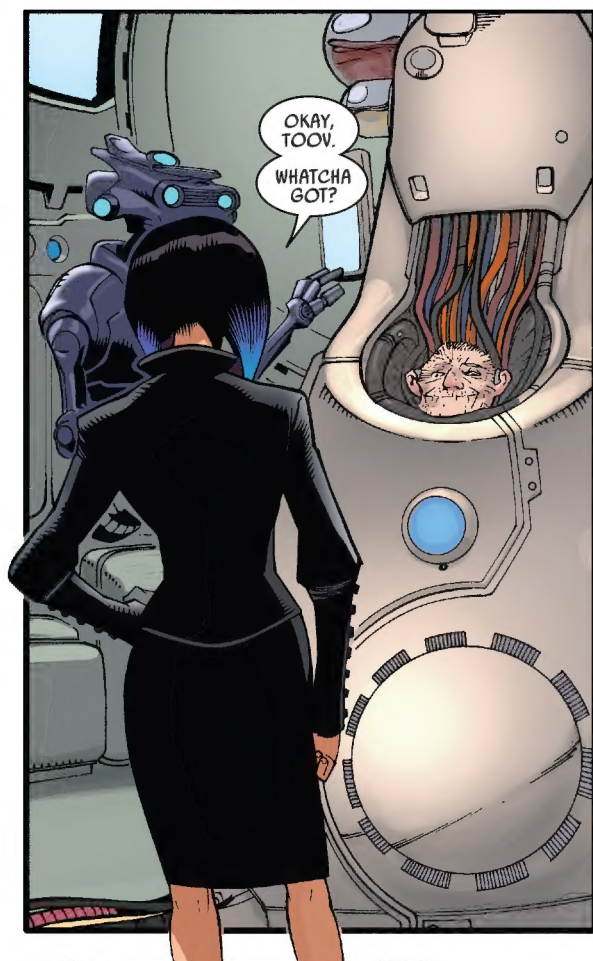
TOOV?
SHALL WE...

WHY HIM
FIRST?

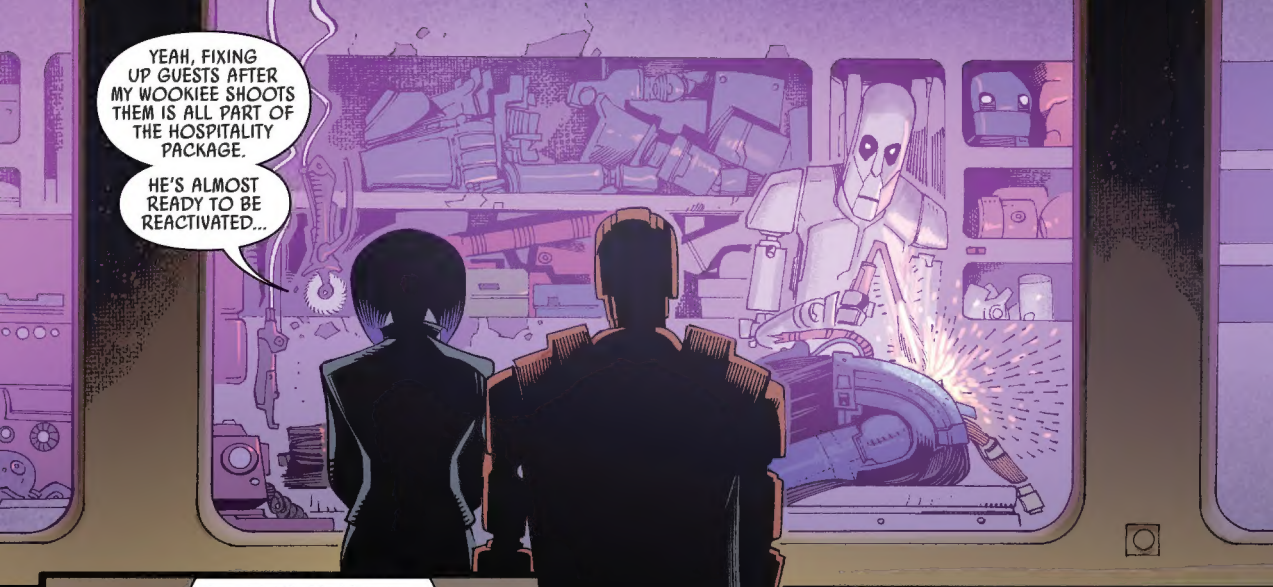
REALLY?

IT'S AN
AUCTION,
BOYS.

IF I
WANTED TO,
I COULD OUTBID
YOU BOTH
TOGETHER.







YEAH, FIXING
UP GUESTS AFTER
MY WOOKIEE SHOOTS
THEM IS ALL PART OF
THE HOSPITALITY
PACKAGE.

HE'S ALMOST
READY TO BE
REACTIVATED...



SO, AS I'M BEING KIND...
I TRUST THE CYBAN FRONT
IS MAKING AN OFFER
WORTH MY TIME?

STATEMENT:
WE REPRESENT
VARIOUS
ORGANIZATIONS.



THEY WISH
THIS ARTIFACT
DESTROYED.



A DROID'S
POSITION IN THIS
GALAXY IS OFTEN
MARGINAL. TECHNOLOGY
WOULD ONLY
REDUCE THAT.

OUR
FINANCIAL OFFER
IS CONSIDERABLE.
ALL DEBTS WITH THE
ORGANIZATIONS I
REPRESENT WOULD
ALSO BE
SETTLED.



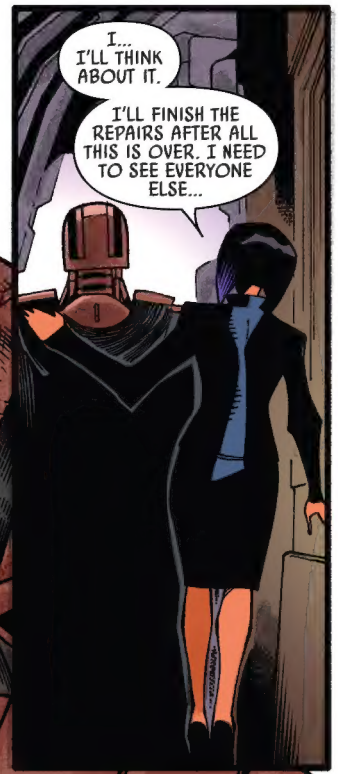
STATEMENT
ENDS.



RUR'S NOT
JUST DANGEROUS.
YOU COULD LEARN
SO MUCH.

TO THROW
THAT AWAY...

STATEMENT:
IT IS NOT
WORTH THE
RISK.

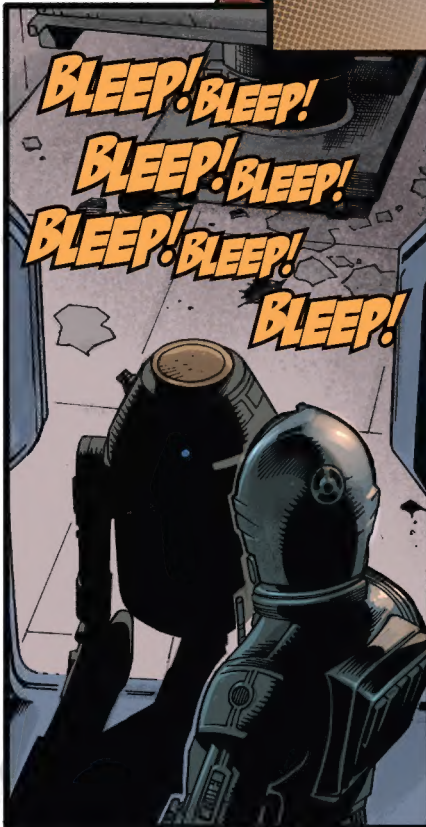


I...
I'LL THINK
ABOUT IT.

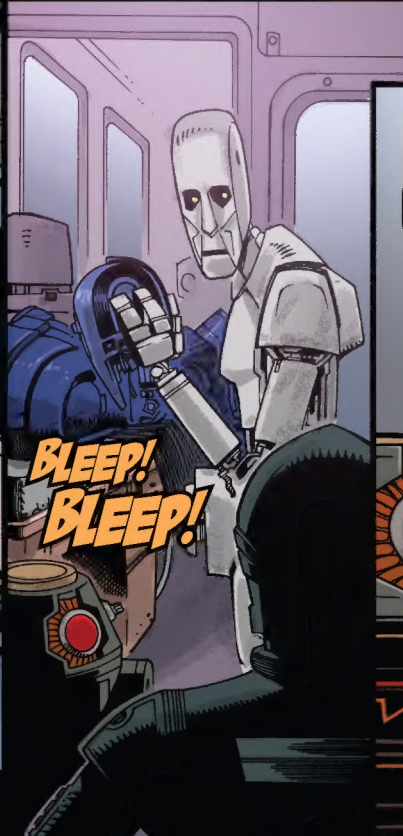
I'LL FINISH THE
REPAIRS AFTER ALL
THIS IS OVER. I NEED
TO SEE EVERYONE
ELSE...



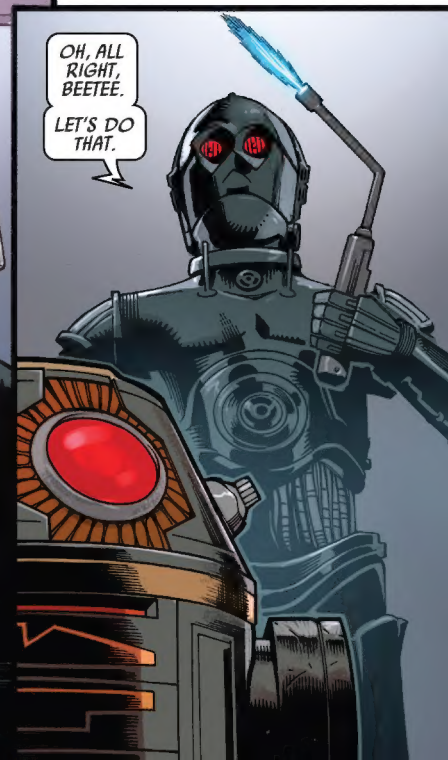
BLEEP! BLEEP!
BLEEP! BLEEP!



BLEEP! BLEEP!
BLEEP! BLEEP!
BLEEP! BLEEP!
BLEEP!



BLEEP!
BLEEP!



OH, ALL
RIGHT,
BEETEE.

LET'S DO
THAT.



THE EZARAA
WILL RULE THE
UNIVERSE. IT IS
OUR DESTINY.



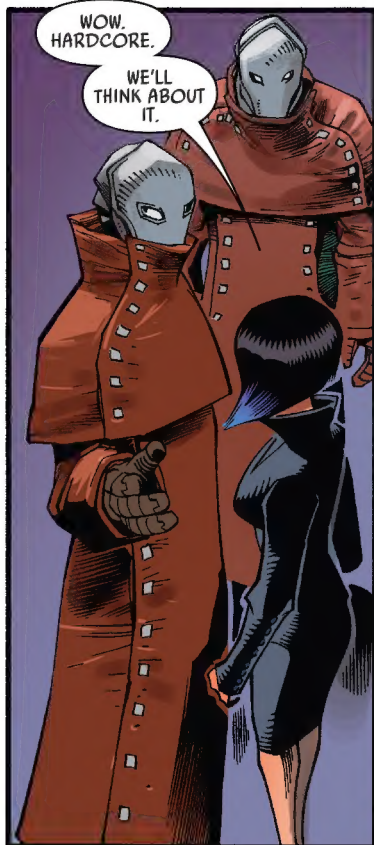
FOR DELIVERING THE RUR SENTENCE TO
US, YOU WILL RECEIVE 0.00001% OF OUR
IMPERIAL REVENUE, FOR YOU AND YOUR
NEXT TEN DESCENDANTS.

YOU KNOW,
WHEN I SAID I
WAS LOOKING FOR
OFFERS WITH A STRING
OF ZEROS, I MEANT
AT THE **END**, NOT AT
THE **START**...



FOOLISH
QUASI-SENTIENT
FLESH! WHEN THE EZARAA
DOMINION STRETCHES TO
THE FARTHEST REACHES OF
THE OUTER RIM, THAT WILL
BE WEALTH BEYOND
IMAGINING!

BUT BE
WARNED! IF YOU
DEFY US, YOU AND ALL
YOUR KIN WILL BE NAMED
FOREVER HERETICS, TO FIND
A NEW LIFE OF ENDLESS
PAIN IN OUR TORTURE
PLANTS!



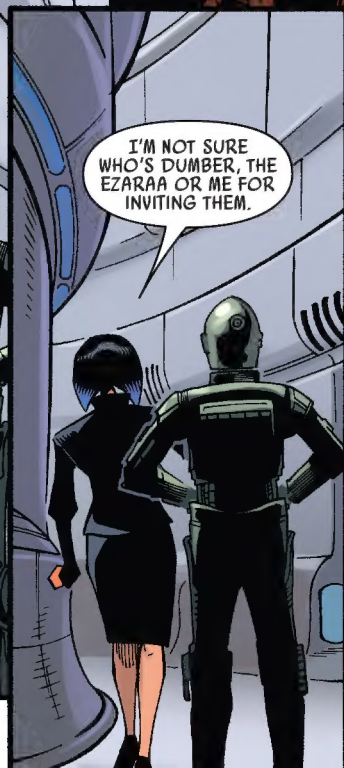
WOW.
HARDCORE.

WE'LL
THINK ABOUT
IT.



THE EZARAA
DOMINION IS JUST
THE PLANET EZARAA,
ISN'T IT?

TWO CONTINENTS
ON EZARAA TO
BE PRECISE.

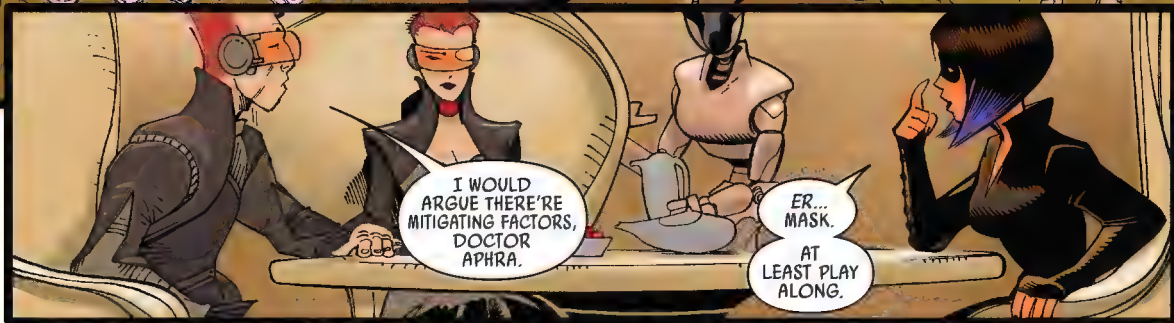


I'M NOT SURE
WHO'S DUMBER, THE
EZARAA OR ME FOR
INVITING THEM.



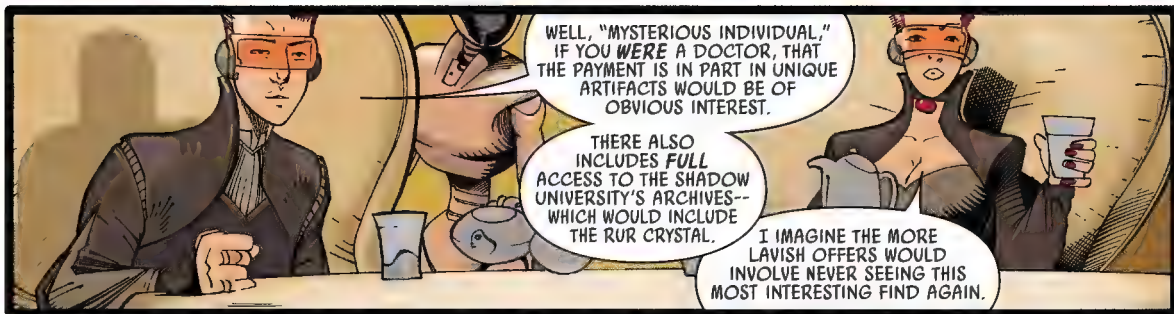
HEY, I'M
A FAN OF THE
SHADOW
UNIVERSITY.

BUT I HAVE
TO SAY...THIS
OFFER IS DEFINITELY
LEANING ON THE
LOW SIDE.



I WOULD
ARGUE THERE'RE
MITIGATING FACTORS,
DOCTOR
APHRA.

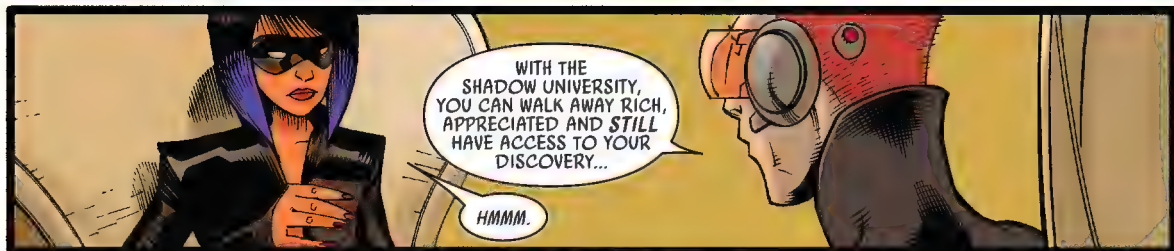
ER...
MASK.
AT
LEAST PLAY
ALONG.



WELL, "MYSTERIOUS INDIVIDUAL,"
IF YOU *WERE* A DOCTOR, THAT
THE PAYMENT IS IN PART IN UNIQUE
ARTIFACTS WOULD BE OF
OBVIOUS INTEREST.

THERE ALSO
INCLUDES **FULL**
ACCESS TO THE SHADOW
UNIVERSITY'S ARCHIVES--
WHICH WOULD INCLUDE
THE RUR CRYSTAL.

I IMAGINE THE MORE
LAVISH OFFERS WOULD
INVOLVE NEVER SEEING THIS
MOST INTERESTING FIND AGAIN.



WITH THE
SHADOW UNIVERSITY,
YOU CAN WALK AWAY RICH,
APPRECIATED AND **STILL**
HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR
DISCOVERY...

HMMM.



NOW, WHILE
THE SHADOW
UNIVERSITY CAN BE
NURTURING TO YOUNG
ACADEMICS, IT SHOULD
BE UNDERSTOOD WE
HAVE A PUNITIVE
STRAK.



WE ARE, OF COURSE, AWARE OF THE RECENT PROBLEMS WITH YOUR DOCTORATE.

WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF WHAT CAUSED IT.

WE ARE **ALSO** AWARE OF HOW THE EVIDENCE WAS BURIED.

AND WE ARE **ALSO** AWARE OF HOW IT CAN BE UNEARTHED.



APHRA CAN WALK AWAY RICHER WITH THE OTHER OPTIONS...

...BUT **DOCTOR** APHRA ONLY WALKS AWAY BY ACCEPTING OURS.



GUYS, I THINK I'VE HEARD OF THIS "DOCTOR APHRA."

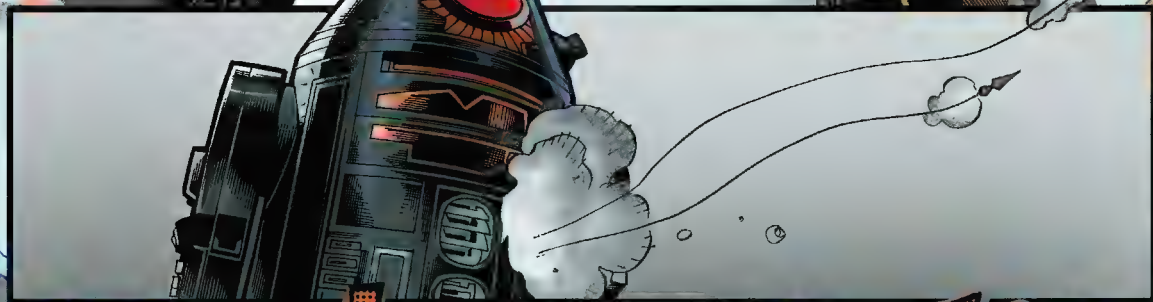


ISN'T SHE A SELFISH MONSTER WHO'D DO ANYTHING FOR A CREDIT?



...AND ANYONE WHO THINKS OTHERWISE **ALWAYS** ENDS UP REGRETTING IT.

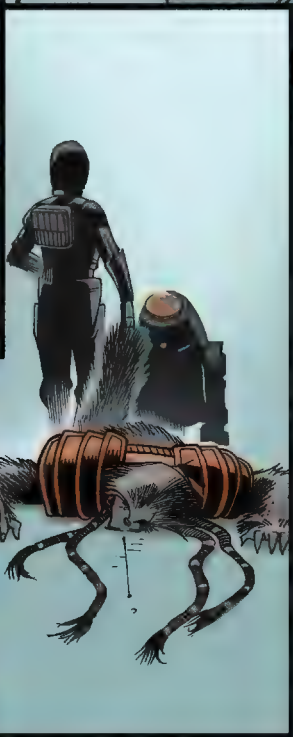






HMMF.

GET HIM TO
MEDICAL...



I'M SORRY
ABOUT THE...
WELCOME.

OKAY,
WHAT DO THE
GALAXY'S PREMIER
GLADIATOR TRAINERS
HAVE TO OFFER
ME?

A BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITY IN
THE FIELD OF
ENTERTAINMENT.

LOOK AT KTHOO-RA. WE
SPENT A YEAR TRAINING HIM.
SAME WITH YOUR UNGRATEFUL
SURFACE. THAT IS A LOT OF
INVESTMENT FOR A LIMITED
CAREER.

ANDROIDS ARE
GOOD FOR FILLING
THE FIELD OUT, BUT
NOT REALLY FUN
TO WATCH...

YOU'RE
LUCKY TRIPLE-
ZERO ISN'T
HERE.

SO YOU
WANT TO TURN RUR
INTO A STAR, WITH A
BODY THAT CAN DIE
OVER AND OVER
AND OVER...

THAT'S ONE
WAY TO TAKE IT. WE'VE
GOT A LOT OF IDEAS. WE'LL
SPLIT PROCEEDS FIFTY-
FIFTY WITH YOU. IT'S A
PARTNERSHIP.

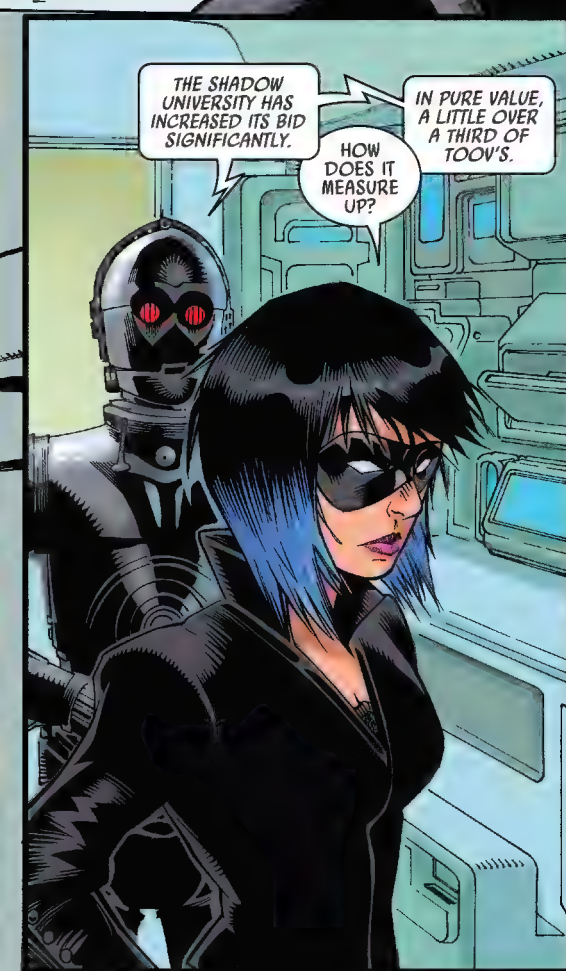
NOT HUGE
AMOUNTS OF MONEY UP
FRONT...BUT THE UNIVERSE IS
PRETTY BLEAK RIGHT NOW...

...AND PEOPLE
ARE GOING TO
PAY A LOT FOR A
DISTRACTION...





I GUESS
HE'S SOFTENING
IN HIS OLD
AGE...
ANY
UPDATES?



THE SHADOW
UNIVERSITY HAS
INCREASED ITS BID
SIGNIFICANTLY.

HOW
DOES IT
MEASURE
UP?

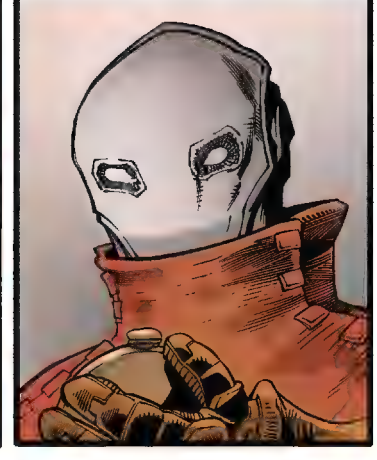
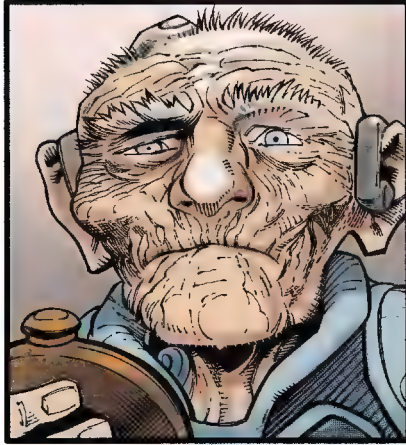
IN PURE VALUE,
A LITTLE OVER
A THIRD OF
TOOV'S.

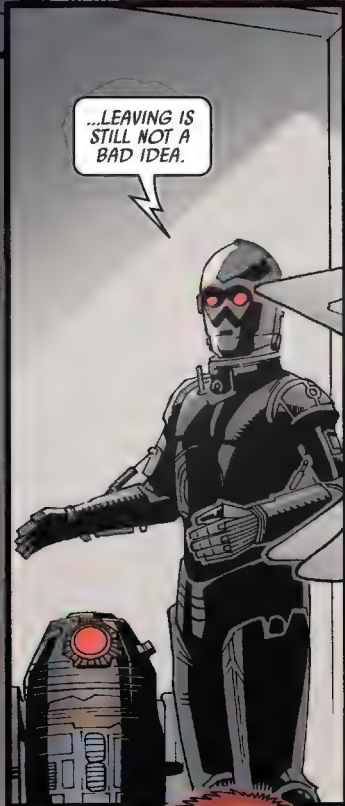


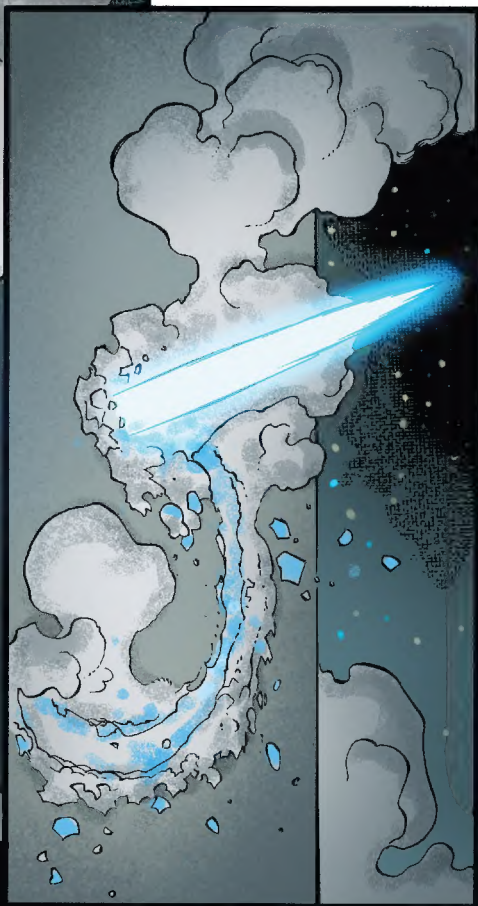
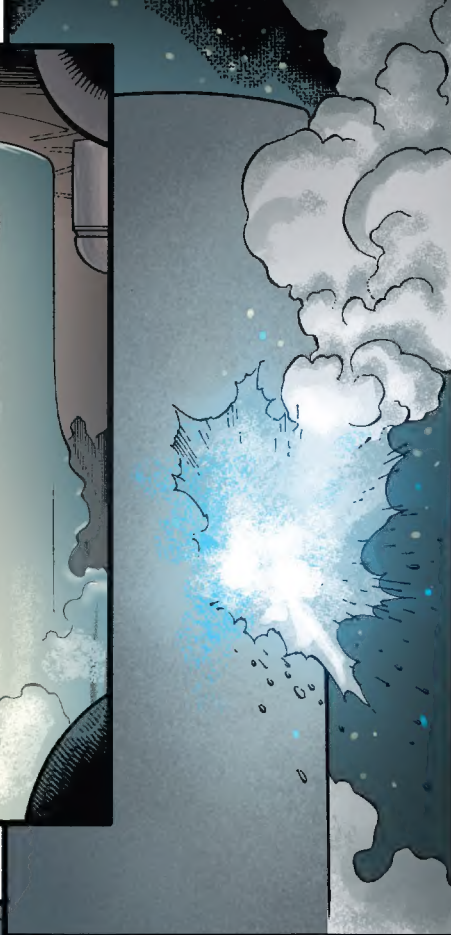
OKAY. GET
EVERYONE
TOGETHER.

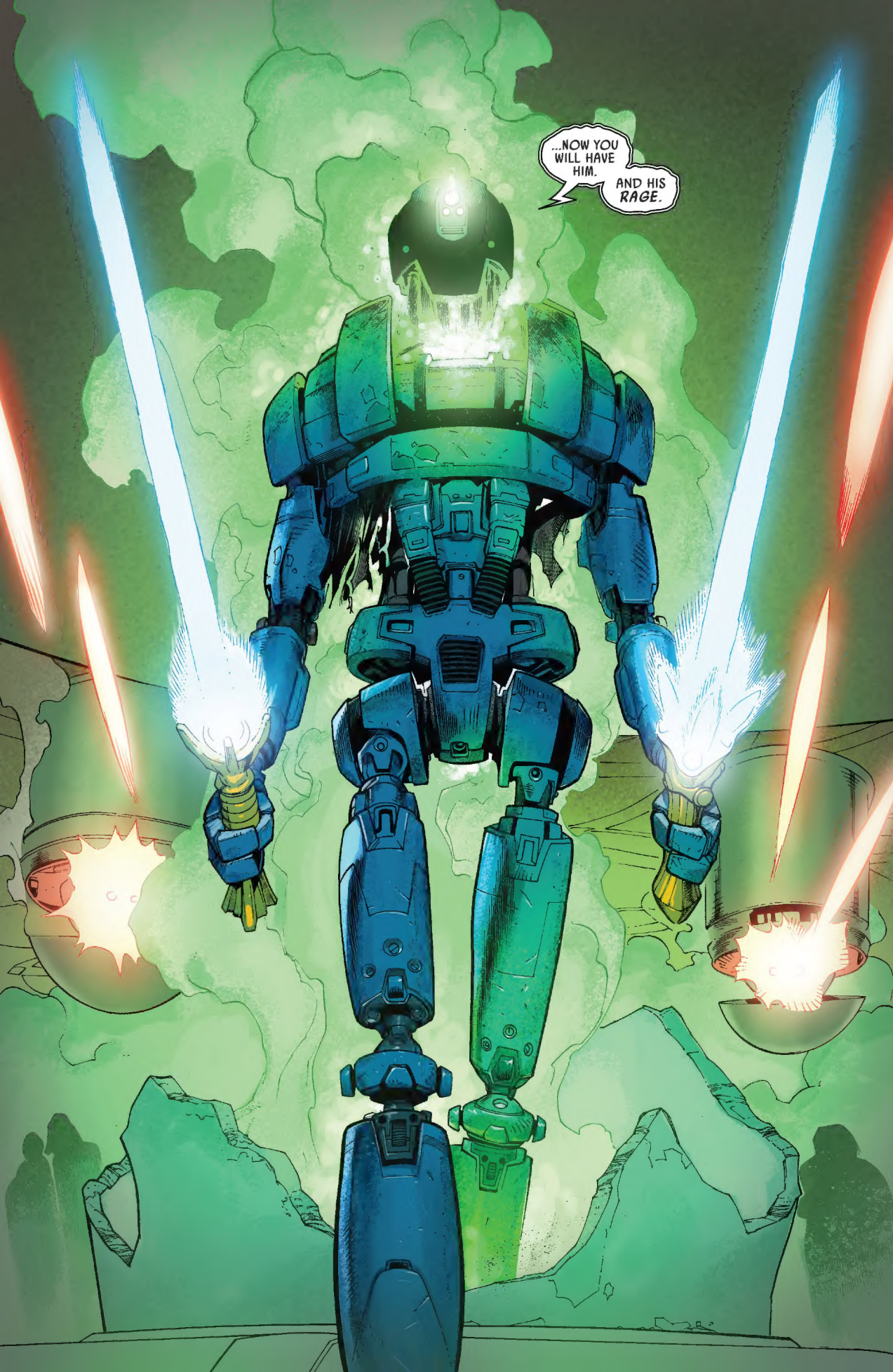
I'VE
MADE MY
DECISION.











...NOW YOU
WILL HAVE
HIM.
AND HIS
RAGE.

DOCTOR'S NOTES

You've seen her team up with Sith Lord Darth Vader, escape a rebel prison, and even fight side by side with Luke Skywalker himself! Now, Doctor Aphra is tackling your letters!

Dear Marvel,

I've been greatly enjoying the "Screaming Citadel" storyline. I just read *Doctor Aphra* #7 and feel like a kid again waiting until Wednesday for the next issue of *Star Wars*. All the characters are spot-on. If you can make someone that's been buying Marvel comics weekly for almost 40 years feel young again, you're doing something right! Carry on and may the Force be with you.

Jerry Crowe
Outer Rim (Cleveland)

That's awesome! Thanks for reading, Jerry! Hope you've stuck around to check out even more of Aphra's adventures!

Hi!

Bria LaVorgna saw the picture of my Doctor Aphra tattoo on Facebook and suggested I send pictures to this email. I'm clearly a big fan of Aphra and I can't wait to see more of the character!

-Madeline Anderson
(Tattoo by Phantom Cat Tattoo)



WOW!!! This may quite possibly be one of the coolest *Star Wars* tattoos I've ever seen! And, no, I'm not biased. Obviously.

Dear Marvel,

I love what's going on with Aphra and her amazing adventures! As for the comics, is there any chance we'll see her encounter familiar faces from the original *Marvel Star Wars* run? I am particularly fond of Lumiya – she was downright terrifying, in terms of her story/abilities and I think she could give Aphra a run for her money.

MTFBWY
@jmbishopjr

Lumiya was definitely a fun character, for sure! Who knows what new or old characters we'll be seeing in the future! Keep reading to find out!

Hello there, Marvel team!

I just want to say that I like this comic series very much. Aphra is definitely a highlight of the new canon! Let's not forget Triple-Zero and BeeTee! They are a great addition to the *Star Wars* universe, too! Aphra's team has a very interesting mix of personalities and I hope to see more of these guys in the future!

Sincerely,
Anatolij

I agree. What's not to love about two adorable droids who just want to cause mayhem and murder? And don't forget Black Krrsantan! Wookiees need love, too! Or else they'll tear off some limbs...

Dear Marvel,

Thanks to all of the brilliant minds that helped develop Doctor Aphra and the creation of her own comic series. I fell in love with her character the same way I did with

Han Solo. She embodies everything I love in people and *Star Wars*. *Star Wars* is a huge part of my life and will always be. The fans set the bar high on what we expect, and you all have delivered admirably.

May the Force be with you
always.
Andrew LaCrosse

Thank you so much for your kind words on *Doctor Aphra*. Everyone on the creative team loves her dearly and hopes we get to keep telling her story for many, many more issues. Er, so long as she doesn't get herself killed...

Dear SW Editors,

I'm writing to let you know how much I am enjoying the *Doctor Aphra* series and how the character brought me back into the world of comics after a 20-year hiatus. Now I am the first person at my LCS when new *Doctor Aphra* issues are released. Big Kudos for creating such a fascinating character and for bringing a lost reader back into the fold! I hope the *Doctor Aphra* series has a longer run than volume 1 of the 600+ run of *Uncanny X-Men*!

John Ferer

Doctor Aphra certainly is special, isn't she? We're so excited to hear that she brought you back into the comics scene! We hope you've enjoyed her adventures in *Darth Vader*, *Star Wars*, and even the crossovers, too! There can never be enough Aphra!

That's it for this week, readers! Be sure to write your own letter to StarWars@Marvel.com and mark "OK to Print." Until then, may the Force be with you all!

-Heather

DOCTOR APHRA NEXT ISSUE!



A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away
is a lot easier to get to than you think -
and we want to hear from you!

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you want to make it onto a future letters
page. Don't forget to mark the letter
"OK TO PRINT."